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30 November 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Call to Dr. McMillan
30 November 1964 re FULCRUM
Activities

1. The attached memorandum was received in this office on 30 November, and I promptly called McMillan to give him an oral response. I indicated that our previous delay in briefing him on FULCRUM was related to the mixing of two items: (a) his proposed Steering Group for new systems, and (b) a routine briefing of McMillan himself on FULCRUM progress. Since his proposed attendance for the routine briefing had included virtually all of the Steering Group, I told him it seemed to us that such a presentation was premature, as the Director had not yet concurred in his proposal to establish such a group. I said on this basis we could not accept his invitation to appear before the Steering Panel on 3 December for two hours and that such acceptance would be contingent on our acceptance of the basic proposition. I told him, on the other hand, we were perfectly happy to fill him and General Stewart in on FULCRUM as it stands and would be pleased to proceed on the 3d or 4th of December. McMillan seemed completely satisfied with this, was in good humor, and appeared to quite understand. I indicated to him that rather than respond in a written form, I would let this conversation and my record of it serve as a response. He agreed.

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2. He then indicated his extreme pleasure at the success of the recent J mission, and I indicated that I had just seen the take from it (which he had not) and told him I thought it was absolutely first rate. He was pleased and congenial and said perhaps they ought to quit here and fire no more J's. I responded that he would probably not get off that easily, and the conversation broke off in a genial mood.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

November 25, 1964

Dear Bud,

Reference is made to your letter of 10 November, subsequent arrangements for a briefing on 24 November, and Mr. Blake's 20 November telephone call to Col Strand, all concerning a briefing on your FULCRUM activities.

I think it highly desirable that your people brief me, Dr. Fubini, and General Stewart on 3 or 4 December. Your Executive can get in touch with Col Strand prior to 1200 hours, 30 November, and arrange a specific time and place.

Your people should also plan to brief my Steering Group for the new NRO Search/Surveillance Satellite System at 0930 hours on 9 December. I will reserve two hours on the agenda for that purpose.

Sincerely,



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